

Recycling Student of the Year

Are you a student who recycles? If so, the America Recycles 2004 - Statewide Steering Committee invites you to enter the "Recycling Student of the Year" essay contest.

- * **Who can enter?**

Any student in grades K – 12.

- * **What do I (we) do?**

Write an essay, 500 words or less, on why you or your student should be the "Recycling Student of the Year." Entries must include your name, county, address and telephone number.

- * **Here are some hints to help you write your essay.**

What do you recycle? Why? Where? How long have you been recycling? Do you buy recycled, compost or reuse things? What are some of the creative ways you reduce waste or recycle? Have you helped set up a recycling program in your community or school?

- * **How many winners?**

One state winner.

- * **What do I win?**

The state winner will receive:

Recycled soda bottle backpack filled with recycled content school supplies

\$100 U.S. Savings Bond – sponsored by the S.C. Soft Drink Association

Entries must be singled-spaced, double-sided and printed on recycled content paper. Winners will be called to confirm the information. The America Recycles 2004 - South Carolina Statewide Steering Committee will judge entries and reserves the right to not name a winner if entries are not satisfactory.

- * **Where do I send my essay?**

Mail or email your entry to:

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- * **What are the deadlines?**

Entries must be postmarked by November 15, 2004. Winners will be notified in December 2004. In addition, they will be recognized at the Recycle Guys Awards Program in February 2005 in Columbia.

- * **Questions?**

Call DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling at 1-800-768-7348 or visit www.scdhec.gov/recycle/html/ard.html